As you are aware, as per the directive of Ministry of Commerce; NSDL Database Management Limited (NDML) has established a nationwide integrated system for Special Economic Zones. The system has already been set-up and rolled-out across SEZs. As part of the implementation, additional functionalities and features are being made available to users of SEZ online system (SOS). In this regard, we are pleased to inform that the following new functionalities/ features have been developed and will be made available in the production system in the next few days:

1) Free Form:

This form can be used for making application to DC office for various transactions. Users can now seek permissions/ send communication to DC office by accessing the 'Free Form' link which is available for unit maker user. User can specify whether the communication is for DC Admin officials or for Customs officials within the DC. DC office can review and provide online approval. Unit users can track the status of their applications using 'Search' feature. The requests are authenticated with Digital signature by Unit as well as by DC office.

2) CBEC Master Integration

We are pleased to inform that master received from CBEC with respect to Import duties- Basic Customs Duty (BCD), Countervailing duty (CVD) and notifications have been updated in the SOS for the purpose of filing customs bills such as Bill of Entry, DTA sales etc.

3) Third Party Shipping bill:

Functionality for Third Party Exporter Shipping Bill is incorporated in existing Shipping bill module. Option has been provided in General details tab to indicate whether third party export is applicable. User can capture details of third party such as Name, Address, IE code etc. and same will be printed on the Shipping bill.

4) Filing of shipping bill with non standard currency:

Users can now file shipping bill containing non standard currency also. Option has been provided in the General details tab to indicate whether any invoice contains non standard currency and the currency details.

5) Zone to Zone transfer:

Presently unit can file online Bill of Entry for goods sold to SEZ unit belonging to other SEZ. This was available by accessing the link 'Inter SEZ transfer'. The link has now been renamed as "Zone to Zone" transfer for easier understanding by users.

6) Bill of entry/ DTA sales/ Zone to Zone transfer - Option for "Re-making" added

If units are filing bill of entry where any item is for Remaking, the same can be specified in the drop down for field item 'Type' in Add item details option of Item details tab. For this purpose an additional option for 'Remaking' has been added in drop down value.

7) Approval for 'Authorised operations'.

Developers can now apply online for approval of Authorised operations (as per Form C7) by accessing 'Authorised operations' link available to Maker user. User can also take printout of the application in C7 format. DC office can review and provide online approval. Developer users can track the status of their application using 'Search' feature. The requests are authenticated with Digital signature by developer as well as DC office.

8) Filing of Bond cum legal undertaking for developer

Developer can file online Bond cum legal undertaking (LUT). The link 'New LUT' can be accessed for filing LUT for the first time, whereas if developer has already filed a LUT and if additional LUT is to be filed then the same can be filed by accessing 'Update LUT' link. Both links are available to maker users. DC office can review the application and provide in-principle approval for the LUT amount. After in-principle approval has been granted, user can print the LUT from SOS and forward the print to DC office.

This note is being sent just as an indicative description of the module / feature and its availability.